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APPLICANTS: KOHLER ET AL 1 PCT
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PRIORITY NO.: 199 28 448.2 FILED: 23 JUNE 1999
FOR: RING FILTER CONSISTING OF STAR-SHAPED FOLDED
FILTERING MATERIAL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ATTN: BOX PCT
Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the initial Office Action, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Above line 1, please insert the following paragraph:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of GERMAN
Application No. 199 28 448.2 filed on 23 JUNE 1999. Applicants
also claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 of PCT/DE00/01623 filed
on 19 MAY 2000. The international application under PCT article
21(2) was not published in English.--

On page 1, please delete the first paragraph, and replace
with the following: